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SON TAKES OVER BUSINESS THAT FATHER STARTED

LYOYD ELLISON TAKES OVER BUSINESS ESTABLISHED 50 YEARS AGO.

Other Sons Enter Tire Business Here

The Ellison Grocery, which has continued under one ownership over a half century in this city, has passed from the hands of B. W. Ellison, its founder to Lloyd Ellison, a son, who during the past ten or fifteen years, has managed the business. With the change will also come new business ideas, the concern going to a cash business yesterday.

Ellison's Grocery, the oldest business under a single ownership in the city, was established in 1870, by B. W. Ellison, who has continued the business up to the present time.

In taking over the business Lloyd Ellison stated that it was an old established business but with new business ideas to meet the needs of today, laying stress on the point that he believed that the people were seeking for still lower prices.

Lawrence Ellison, who has been at the store for some time, has withdrawn under the change, and has formed a partnership with his brother, Merlin Ellison. The two men, both of whom are well known here, will go into the tire and accessories business. They will be exclusive dealers for Federal tires.

They expect to open their business in the Maye's shop on West Superior street for the present. It is understood that they are contemplating the erection of a new building on West Superior street in the very near future on some lots that they own near where they are planning on establishing their business venture.

Merlin Ellison has been in the tire business in this city for the past year with Charles Lewis, under the firm name of Lewis & Ellison. He has taken over the interests of his partner in this business and it will in turn be merged in the new firm that has been established.

GELSTON, SMITH WERE SPEAKERS

GOOD ADDRESSES GIVEN AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEET YESTERDAY.

The noon day luncheon of the Alma Chamber of Commerce yesterday at the city hall again brought out about one hundred members of the organization, who were given a good treat from two local speakers, Rev. W. L. Gelston and E. L. Smith. Joseph Winslow presided as the chairman of the meeting and acquitted himself in a very able and pleasing manner.

Rev. Gelston, the first speaker, in calling attention to "Morals and Dollars," spoke of the necessity of a Chamber of Commerce cleaning up the city in which it was being fostered, making a good moral tone in the community which would make it attractive for industries. He called attention to two such organizations in two cities, one of which reached out for factories and overlooked the essential matter of making the city a desirable place in which to live, and how it has now been forced to work to clean up the community, and the other one, an organization which made the moral tone of the community such that factories sought the city.

Mr. Smith in his address called attention to the desirability of Alma as a place in which to live. He called notice to the fact that the merchant and the mechanic is grumbling because profits and wages are not as large as they were a few years ago, but that if they would consider the condition in other countries in which Mr. Smith recently visited, they would be forced to the conclusion that the United States was the one best country in the world today. He stated that the depression is considerably a state of mind, when nothing but gloom can be seen.

PROMOTED TO CRITIC POSITION

Miss Julia Wynne, a former Alma High student, teaching in Detroit schools for the past four years, has been promoted from Instructor of Social Science in the Dwyer school to Critic Position in the McGraw Demonstration School of Teacher's College, Detroit.

Her friends will be pleased to learn of her promotion.

Creamery Men Take Short Course Work

The first annual creamery field men and operators short course at the Michigan Agricultural College closed last Saturday with an enrollment of 20 men, representing more than seventy-five per cent of all the butter-fat produced in the state. The monthly banquet and meeting of the Michigan Association of Creamery Owners and Managers was held at the college on Friday in connection with the short course. Prominent authorities on creamery subjects addressed the different meetings of the course. T. H. Broughton, head of the dairy division of the State Department of Agriculture, and Prof. O. E. Reed, head of the M. A. C. dairy department, being included in the list.

NOTICE

Barton Holmes Travelogue, "Solomon's Temple," will be shown at the Methodist church Sunday night, Feb. 5. This interesting picture shows the development of Solomon's temple, beginning with the tabernacle in the wilderness. The public is cordially invited to attend.

SEND WEST COAST SHIPMENTS EAST

NORTHERN WHEEL LAYS PRODUCTS ON COAST BY OCEAN SHIPMENTS.

The Northern Wheel Company of this city, one of the promising industries in which the city is taking pride, is not only increasing its business to a surprising extent during the period of business depression, and making every effort to save in the costs of production, but has found means of saving considerable money in some of the shipments of the company to the Pacific coast cities.

As the company has made a number of big shipments to the coast of late months the matter of a saving in rates in putting the product on the market in the coast cities is an important factor.

Goods for the Pacific coast cities are now shipped east. That may seem far fetched, but that is just what is happening now. The freight rate from Alma to Philadelphia is \$3.56, and the ocean rate from Philadelphia to the Pacific coast ports is \$1.75, making a total of \$5.31. The freight rate from Chicago overland to the Pacific coast cities is \$3.03, making a big difference by shipping east and then by ocean to the coast, by way of the Panama canal.

The company has found that it makes a difference of \$217.50 on our load shipments, according to Orville Allen, secretary of the concern.

He stated at the factory this week that the average time of the shipments sent this way was three weeks, running from 18 to 24 days from Philadelphia.

Rail shipment overland from Chicago takes about twelve days, in addition to the time from Alma on shipments, the latter route getting the goods to the coast slightly quicker.

The difference in the charges is such, however, as to warrant shipping by the ocean route, except on rush shipments, as the time taken is very little more.

State Veterinarians To Meet February 7

The Michigan State Veterinary Medical Association will hold its fortieth annual meeting at the Michigan Agricultural College on February 7 and 8.

H. H. Halladay, Commissioner of the State Department of Agriculture, and Dean F. W. Chamberlain, of the M. A. C. Veterinary Division, are among the speakers who will address the conference. Discussion of various technical phases of the profession will be led by officers of the association.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The White Shrine wishes to announce that in placing their first annual ball on the same night as the Alma Lecture Course Concert, it did so with the understanding from the Chamber of Commerce that the date decided upon was open and no other attraction booked in Alma for the same night.

It was not until the tickets and invitations were out that the concert was announced through the papers, and consequently too late to change the date of the ball.

It is very much to be regretted that these dates conflict, however the dancing will not begin until nine o'clock, and those wishing to do so will be able to attend both the concert and ball on the same night.

By Order of Committee.

If you are run down, discouraged and out of heart, get a bottle of Tanlac and see how different it makes you feel.—Look-Paterson Drug Co.—Advertisement.

SPLENDID TALK GIVEN BY LYNCH AT FORUM MEET

UNSELFISH CO-OPERATION IS WHAT IS NEEDED FOR SUCCESS IS VIEW.

Duty of Members Is Given by Him

About one hundred members of the Alma Chamber of Commerce attended the open forum meeting and luncheon of the organization at the City Hall Thursday evening and heard the splendid address by Joseph Lynch, former president of the Chamber of Commerce of Pontiac.

Following the luncheon, Charles H. Goring, acting as chairman, introduced the speaker of the evening.

In his address he called attention to the fact that we have the right of participation in politics, national and local, but that too many of us go and vote and then feel that we have done our full duty, paying no attention to public affairs from that time on until it is time to vote again. He also spoke of those who do not exercise the privilege and duty of franchise and stated that such people in his opinion should be disfranchised for a two year period.

In speaking of local government he stated that in his opinion, the commission-manager form of city government was the most perfect form of government for cities, but that four or five people composing a commission could not think for all of the people, but needed the advice of an organization such as a Chamber of Commerce to aid it in guiding the community. Otherwise he stated, the political tone of the community might be lowered.

It is a chamber of commerce which backs the improvements in a community, he said, and brings out the influences for it that will carry the improvements to a successful conclusion.

He stated that too many people in various communities when matters come before a chamber of commerce measure the matters from a selfish standpoint, measuring the success of the venture by their own financial gain from it.

The strength of a city depends to a great extent upon the interest that its people take in its chamber of commerce, and in the same manner a strong city makes the nation that much stronger and a weak, wobbling city serves to weaken the nation to just that extent. The individual he intimated, and his selfish aims should be subordinated for the good of the community.

He spoke of the need of school taxes, wisely spent, which go for the education of the coming generation, and then called attention to the public official who fails to devote his best efforts to his office because the pay is too small. Such men he said, having sought the office should give their best efforts in spite of the financial return of the office. All public officers should pay a fair amount, however, he said.

That it takes an unselfish spirit and close co-operation to bring success to any chamber of commerce, or to any other organization was made most plain in his address.

In bringing his address to a close Mr. Lynch called attention to the need of good honest criticism, but deplored the croaker, who can see no good in any efforts that are put forth.

NO SHORTAGE IN MISFORTUNE

The American Sugar Refining Company, with 30,000 stockholders and a steady dividend record for thirty years, found it advisable in the face of conditions in the sugar business to discontinue dividend disbursements. The balance sheet of the Central Leather Company for June 30 shows a profit and loss deficit of \$6,040,890, which compares with a surplus on March 31, 1920, of 30,640,498, a shrinkage of assets in 15 months of \$3,681,394.

Instances like these indicate the havoc that the fall of prices has wrought among the industrial companies. The common stock of the former company has sold down from a high of 118 1/2 last year to under 60 last week and the common stock of the latter from 104 1/2 last year to 22 1/2.

If the farmers, who think they are the only sufferers from falling prices, knew the facts about the losses of manufacturing and trading companies they would be less unhappy about their own. There has been misery enough to go all around.—George E. Roberts, of National City Bank of New York.

Get a home cooked chicken dinner in the Tiffin Cafe Sundays from 12:30 to 3; Saturday 5:15 to 7:30. Advertisement-1w

Completed Work During December

December with its snows and wintry weather is not the best month of the year for building roads, yet during last December there were completed 1,155 miles of Federal highways under the supervision of the Bureau of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture. The mileage is represented in roadways that were nearing completion as winter started and were finished during the month.

In addition, according to a compilation just completed by the department, considerable progress was made toward the completion of 15,834 more miles of highways still under construction. At the end of November these roadways were 68 per cent complete; at the end of December they were 70 per cent finished. Work on the uncompleted projects is going on as fast as weather conditions and other factors permit. On some of the roads, which lie in the Southern States, considerable progress is being made. Others, situated in more rigorous climates, show less advancement.

Up to the first of the year there had been completed, under the supervision of the department, 12,907 miles of Federal-aid highways during the five years that the work has been in progress. The total estimated cost of the 12,907 miles of completed highways was \$221,739,710, of which \$95,054,184 was Federal-aid funds, the remainder of the expense being borne by the States. The estimated cost of the 15,834 miles of Federal-aid roads under construction January 1 is \$275,652,104, of which the Federal Government will pay \$117,049,300.

HOLD TAG DAY ON FEBRUARY 4

GRATIOT CO. SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION SEEKS FUNDS FOR WORK.

The Gratiot County Sunday School Association has decided to have February 4 as the date of their First Annual Tag Day. On that date 200 young people interested in the Sunday School work will be selling tags on the streets of every town and village in the county.

Prof. C. A. Wright, Director of Religious Education, has thoroughly organized the county for this purpose. He has appointed chairmen for 26 centers. Those acting in this capacity are as follows: Ithaca, Clyde Daniels; Wheeler, Miss Jessie Maxham; Breckenridge, J. P. Wierman; St. Louis, C. A. Bloss; Alma, Rev. W. L. Gelston; Elwell, Mrs. R. D. Olmstead; Riverdale, Paul Bywater; Elm Hall, Mrs. G. W. Andrews; Sumner, Miss Mildred Harvey; New Haven, Wm. Nickert; Newark, Miss Iva Davis; Forest Hill, Rev. L. R. May; Middleton, Emory Freeman; Perrinton, D. C. Hooker; Pampoli, Miss Rose Fritz; Ola, Mrs. Charles Partee; Bannister, Frank Moulton; Ashley, Rev. Alfred Chamberlain; N. Star, Oren Lehner; Sikes, George Heiback; Edgewood, C. V. Cratsen; Rathbone, Willis Mayle; Langport, John Coleman; Beebe, J. L. Hetzman; Sethton, C. E. Wood; Davis, C. Wood.

The purchaser of each tag sets his own price. The proceeds will be used by the Association in furthering the Sunday School work of the county.

The Gratiot County Sunday School Association is a purely interdenominational organization. Every Sunday school in the county is entitled to representation in it. This past year leaders of the organization found that more than half the children in this county were not in any Sunday school. Although the act took much faith and hard work they raised the money to hire a man, Mr. C. A. Wright, to spend his whole time developing Sunday schools in needy districts and then supervising their growth. Ten such have been started in the county practically all in the county.

In order to finance this excellent work the officers of the association secured pledges from the people of the county. Due to business depression many of these pledges could not be paid and in order to meet its obligations a county wide Tag Day, above referred to, has been planned. On this day boys and girls will be in the business districts of all the towns in the county selling tags for any amount those whom they meet may be willing to pay. A nickel or dime from everyone accosted will go a long way to putting the Sunday school work on its feet.

NOTICE

Henry McNamara and Day Bigelow will hold a farm auction sale on Tuesday, February 14, on the Graton farm, 1 mile south of Alma Roller Mills on the south side of city limits. See next issue of Record for list of items to be sold.

THE NEAR EAST CAMPAIGN WILL START SUNDAY

QUOTA OF \$1,500 TO BE SOUGHT FOR RELIEF WORK IN GRATIOT COUNTY.

Robert King Is Local Chairman

The campaign for Near East Relief in Gratiot county will be put under way by Rev. L. L. Dewey of Ithaca, county chairman, on Sunday, February 5, when efforts will be banded to secure the county's quota of \$1,500 to go towards the work of relief in the Near East, where thousands of people are starving.

Conditions in the Near East, especially in Armenia, are beyond mere description with words, nor would words serve to point out to the people in Gratiot county the terrible conditions under which thousands and thousands of people are now being forced to live in these Near Eastern countries.

Naturally it is to the United States, the world's wealthiest nation, that the world looks to most to see that these conditions are rectified to as great an extent as is humanly possible. The United States is called upon to play the part of the Good Samaritan, and take the leadership of the world in the great relief movement.

The county organization for the drive, which starts Sunday, has been completed and is as follows: County chairman, Rev. L. L. Dewey of Ithaca; treasurer, R. B. Wagner of Alma; Alma chairman, Robert King; St. Louis chairman, Rev. Yinger; Ithaca chairman, Frank L. Convis; Middleton chairman, Rev. Lloyd Mead.

The committee in Alma working under the direction of Robert King, local chairman, follows: Rev. M. W. Duffey, L. A. Murdock, J. W. Kelder, Rev. W. L. Gelston and Rev. E. E. Shouffer.

City Water Pronounced O. K.

City Manager W. E. Reynolds has just received a report from the Michigan Department of Health which assures the people of Alma that the city drinking water is pure. Samples were taken from 3311 Eastward st., 1407 Michigan ave., 415 Elwell st., and Pine street, and all samples were pronounced pure.

Saturday Special—Women's and Misses Suits formerly priced from \$59.50 to \$89.50, GO ON SALE SATURDAY AT \$29.75 at D. W. Robinson's, Alma.—Advertisement.

If it is something to be printed, we can print it. The Alma Record—advertisement 10-3w

MAXWELL BODY MAKES A HIT



That the truck dumpbody invented by Floyd Maxwell of the Maxwell Manufacturing Company of this city, meets a long-felt need in the truck world is made evident from the fine reception that was accorded the dump-body last week at the Detroit Automobile Show, when two of the bodies were on display on Ruggles one and two ton trucks.

This week the two bodies are being shown on the trucks at the Ypsilanti-Ann Arbor show, and from there will go to Kalamazoo, Jackson and then to Grand Rapids.

One large firm, which deals extensively in trucks and truck bodies, was so delighted with the dumpbody that they inquired into the possibility of securing 1,000 of them during the year and it is expected that representatives of the concern will be in Alma before the week is at an end. There is a good prospect that Mr. Maxwell can secure a contract for this number of bodies if he can satisfy the concern as to the delivery.

The new dumpbodies are made with one ton, 1 1/2 ton, 2 ton and 2 1/2 ton capacities. None of them will sell

Glass & Hannah Make Good Changes

The firm of Glass & Hannah has been making several important changes in the re-arrangement of the interior of the store that promise not only to work as time savers for the clerks of the place, but also to give the patrons full access to every case in the store where they will have full opportunity to examine goods with the least possible inconvenience.

The various show cases have been grouped in the middle of the store, away from the wall cases, so that the latter may be got to easily by the patrons of the store.

The various show cases are grouped in the center, facing out. The more important and more often called for goods that are kept in the cases are carried more to the front of the store in the cases, saving time, steps, etc., for the patron in looking for them.

The rearrangement has not been entirely completed, but when finished promises to be a big benefit to the store.

EXAMINATION IS CANCELLED

NO EXAMINATION FOR POSTMASTER WILL BE HELD HERE FEBRUARY 11.

Notice has been received of the cancellation of the examination, which was to have been held for the position of postmaster here on February 14 of this month from John H. Bartlett, president of the Civil Service Commission, and it begins to look as though our good friend, Ezra L. Smith, who agreed to take the position temporarily, was drafted for the place. At least he is there and the examination has been called off.

The announcement of the cancellation of the examination says that the post office department has withdrawn its request for certification. Beyond that no reason for the cancellation of the examination is given. Mr. Smith has no further information as yet regarding the withdrawal of the request by the department.

It would now seem that Mr. Smith, who has been a prominent Republican in county affairs for years, was not only acting postmaster, but that he is the postmaster here.

The announcement of the cancellation of the examination follows: January 27, 1922.

The Postmaster, Alma, Michigan, Sir: The examination announced to be held for the position of postmaster at Alma, Michigan 2-14-22 has been cancelled. The Post Office Department having withdrawn its request for certification. Please make public announcement of this cancellation and return to the Commission all supplies remaining in your possession.

By direction of the Commission: Very respectfully, John H. Bartlett, President.

HIGH SCHOOLERS WINNERS AGAIN IN GOOD DEBATE

MT. PLEASANT IS VICTIM OF ALMA TEAM IN THIRD UNANIMOUS VICTORY.

Debated Closed Shop Question

Winning their third unanimous decision, the high school debating team defeated Mt. Pleasant last Friday evening. The subject was the state question, "Resolved, that the principle of the Closed Shop in American Industry should receive the support of public opinion." The local team took the negative side of the argument.

The three Mt. Pleasant representatives argued that the closed shop was absolutely essential to collective bargaining and that the closed shop was the only plan fair to all parties concerned. One of their chief arguments was that the evils of the plan were not sufficient to warrant its being discarded. They seemed to spend more time in destroying objections to their plan than in proving why the plan should be adopted.

The Alma team attempted to show the judges that the principle of the closed shop was contrary to our American ideals; that the principle was unethical and that under present conditions the adoption of the plan was not justifiable because the closed shop has outgrown its usefulness. They also argued that it was detrimental to the laborer and to society in general. Their refutation of the contention that collective bargaining could not be carried on without the closed shop was one of the deciding factors in the decision.

The team which represented Alma was composed of Elliott Crooks, John Holmes and Dane Strong. Their Mt. Pleasant opponents were Wayne Kelly, Harold Bentley and Stuart Rome.

The judges were Supt. Salisbury of Bannister, Prof. Randels, of Alma College, and Supt. Gullen, of St. Louis. The Rev. Mr. Duffy was the presiding officer.

Having won three unanimous decisions, the Alma High team is credited with twelve points in the State Debating League. This is the highest possible score and counts the Alma team in tie for first honors. The next debate scheduled for the Alma team is against Big Rapids, in the Institute town.

ALMA CAVALRY TO STAGE PRODUCTION

"BETTY'S CAMPAIGN" WILL BE GIVEN AT STRAND THEATRE FEBRUARY 10.

Betty's Campaign, a clever side splitting farce on politics as they may exist in the year 1950, will be the big local talent attraction at the Strand Theatre, February 10, when a cast of about thirty local Cavalrymen of Alma's Troop C, will play leading roles in this jolly comedy.

This is the first theatrical offering by the local cavalry men, and they feel they have a good production and will spring some big surprises when they show the public that they can make good actors as well as soldiers and horsemen. The farce represents the men as struggling to regain the ballot which they have lost and to free themselves from the women's political tyranny.

The big feature of the play will be its all male cast. There will be no ladies in the show, and the sweet girls, the "flappers," the soubrette and the leading lady will all be played by the men themselves who will show the public that they can carry an evening gown gracefully and draw in their manly figures when the occasion calls.

Betty's Campaign promises to be something entirely different in home talent offerings and the fact that it is being produced by Alma's own cavalrymen, should in itself receive the city's unstinted support. The boys are also training some of their best mounts who will also appear on the stage in feats of horsemanship. The play is being directed by Mr. Roy Innes of Cincinnati, who is the author of the play.

Saturday Specials—All Silk Dresses formerly priced from \$50.00 to \$125.00, GO ON SALE SATURDAY AT \$39.50. At D. W. Robinson's, Alma.—Advertisement.